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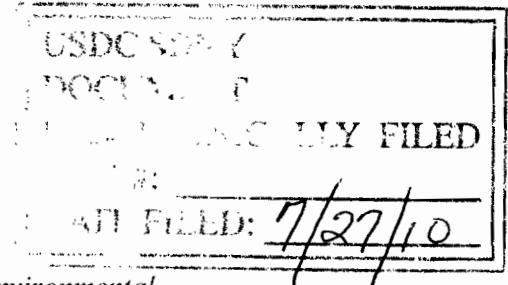
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July 27, 2010

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**VIA EMAIL**

Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1620  
New York, NY 10007-1316

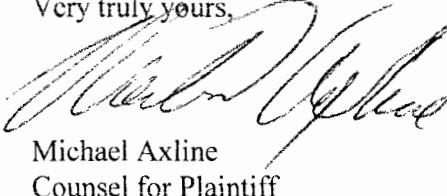


*In re: MTBE, MDL No. 1358; New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection et al. v. Atlantic Richfield Company, et al, 08 CIV. 00312 (SAS)*  
**Focus Sites Selection**

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

Although the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection did not initially seek an extension of the time to designate focus sites in the above case (and in fact opposed defendants' requested extension), in light of your order granting defendants an extension until August 6, 2010, plaintiffs request an equivalent extension, so that both parties will disclose their focus sites selections on August 6, 2010. To require plaintiffs to disclose their focus sites five days prior to defendants' disclosure would, in our view, give defendants an unfair advantage in the site selection process.

Very truly yours,

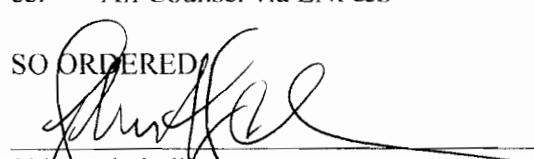


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SO ORDERED



Shira Scheindlin  
United States District Court

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